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CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES

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## **ANGELIDES COMMENTS ON CALPERS' DECISION TODAY TO TERMINATE RELATIONSHIP WITH PUTNAM INVESTMENTS**

*Treasurer Had Called on CalPERS Earlier This Month to End \$1.2 Billion Contract*

SACRAMENTO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides today had the following comments in response to the decision by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Investment Committee to terminate the pension fund's contract with Putnam Investments. Putnam managed approximately \$1.2 billion on behalf of CalPERS as a domestic and international equity capital growth manager. The Treasurer earlier this month called on both CalPERS and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) to terminate a combined \$1.5 billion in contracts with Putnam Investments. The Treasurer sits on the boards of both pension funds, and also sits on the CalPERS Investment Committee:

"I called on CalPERS and CalSTRS to terminate their relationships with Putnam Investments because the company failed to meet the standards that we, as fiduciaries, should expect from a firm handling more than \$1 billion on behalf of California pensioners and taxpayers," Angelides said. "CalPERS and CalSTRS, as the first and third largest public pension funds in the nation, have an obligation to live up to the vow we have made to demand and expect the highest standards of conduct from the companies with whom we do business."

"Today's vote sends a strong signal to the marketplace that there will be serious and immediate consequences and penalties to violating the trust we hold with investors and pensioners. We remain committed to using the power of the purse to end inappropriate conduct by investment banks, mutual funds and other financial institutions."